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## **School Committee Minutes 04/25/2013**

*Approved by Arlington School Committee May 9, 2013*

### **ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 30A,  
Section 20, notice is hereby given for the following meeting of the:*

*Arlington School Committee  
Regular School Committee Meeting  
Thursday, April 25, 2013  
6:30 p.m.*

*Arlington High School  
School Committee Room – Sixth Floor  
869 Massachusetts Avenue  
Arlington, MA 02476*

***Present:*** Mr. Judson Pierce, Chair, Mr. William Hayner, Vice Chair, Ms. Cindy Starks, Secretary,  
Mr. Jeff Thielman, Mr. Paul Schlichtman, and Dr. Kirsi Allison-Ampe.

*Dr. Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent, Dr. Laura Chesson, Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Diane Johnson, Chief Financial Officer,  
Mr. Robert Spiegel, Human Resource Officer, Ms. Siobhan Foley AEA Vice President, Mr. Lucas Munson, Student Representative  
and Ms. Karen Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant.*

*Absent: Ms. Leba Heigham*

*Mr. Pierce opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and held a moment of silence for the Boston Marathon Bombing victims and their families.*

*Mr. Thielman arrived at 6:34 p.m.*

#### **APS Presentations**

*Dr. Laura Chesson introduced, Mr. Ben Schersten, Dallin Third Grade teacher, who spoke about and showed examples of students using IPAD's in his classroom and how it has transformed his teaching.*

*Dr. Chesson spoke about the Arlington Education Foundation event and how they are fundraising to help support additional technology at all schools.*

#### **Public Participation**

*None*

#### **Town Clean-up Event**

*Ms. Maya Ginns, parent of two students from Brackett School asked the School Committee to support her efforts to join the Arlington Clean Team (ACT) with the Arlington DPW on May 11, 2013 from 9 to 12 noon at the municipal lot on Mystic Street. The goal is to help clean and pick-up as many parts of town as possible.*

#### **Human Rights Commission Appointment**

*Mr. Pierce reminded everyone that we have two vacancies for the Human Rights Commission and asked the School Committee to support his recommendation of Sharon P. Grossman.*

***Mr. Pierce moved to appoint Ms. Sharon P. Grossman to the Human Rights Commission, seconded by Mr. Thielman.  
Vote: 6:0***

*Monthly Financial Report*

*Ms. Johnson presented her Financial Report to the committee.*

*Update on Thompson Rebuild*

*Dr. Bodie said no additional meetings have been held since the last School Committee meeting. Ms. Starks reported on her tour of the new building and was very impressed with the amount of thought and detail that has gone into the new Thompson School.*

*Superintendent Report*

*Dr. Bodie appreciated Mr. Pierce holding a moment of silence before tonight's meeting, and after discussion with other school administration, they decided to hold as normal of a school day as possible last Monday as students returned from April break. Dr. Bodie acknowledged that Mr. Tino D'Agostino has been honored and is receiving the Italian Culture Award. Dr. Bodie wanted everyone to be aware of a new after school program at the Brackett next year, a Spanish Immersion Program which will hold 20 students. Dr. Bodie informed the committee of the Arlington Community Education speaker series that will occur on Tuesday, May 7 and May 14<sup>th</sup> at AHS.*

*Subcommittee & Liaison Reports*

*Policies & Procedures - Mr. Thielman will schedule a meeting soon.*

*Budget – Ms. Starks had nothing to report.*

*Community Relations - Nothing to report.*

*Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment & Accountability - Nothing to report.*

*Facilities - Nothing to report.*

*Legal Services Review, Mr. Pierce said this subcommittee will remain in effect to the end of the school year.*

*Chair - Nothing to report.*

*Consent Agenda*

*All items listed with an asterisk (\*) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the committee so request, in which event the item will be considered in its normal sequence:*

***Mr. Pierce moved Approval of \*Warrant # 13147 Dated April 11, 2013, Total Warrant Amount \$396,156.49 and \*Minutes for Approval: Regular Minutes, March 14, and March 28, 2013 and  
\*Approval of Jazz Band Italy and Switzerland Music Tour 2014, seconded by Mr. Thielman.  
Voted: 6-0***

*Secretary's Report*

*Ms. Starks reported on all correspondence received:*

- *Town of Arlington Fiscal Year 2014 Town Manager's Annual Budget & Financial Plan*
- *Arlington Public Schools Report to Town Meeting & Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Summary*
- *Flyer from Community Education on Great Conversations*

- 2013/2014 list of Arlington School Committee Members and their appointments
- Letter from Chairman Judson Pierce to Town Meeting Members
- Letter from Evelyn Smith DeMille to Kathleen Bodie informing her of the APS receiving \$34,000 in funding from the Sanborn Foundation for the Arlington Public Schools 2013-2014 Anti-Tobacco Education K-12
- Letter from Kathleen Bodie to Evelyn Smith DeMille thanking her for the good news on receiving the Sanborn grant
- MassEquality School Committee Survey – a copy and request to take it online
- Proposal for a Jazz Band Italy and Switzerland Music Tour 2014
- The April 2013 monthly tracking reports
- Letter and resume from Sharon Grossman To Judson Pierce and Adam Chapdelaine in application for one of two vacancies on the Arlington Human Rights Commission
- Responses to budget questions raised by Bill Hayner from Diane Fisk.

#### Executive Session

***Mr. Pierce moved to enter Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with union and/or nonunion personnel or contract negotiations with union and/or nonunion in which if held in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect and to conduct strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, in which if held in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect. Collective bargaining may also be conducted and exit only to adjourn and attend the School Committee/Superintendent Retreat, seconded by Ms. Starks.***

***Roll Call: unanimous***

***Voted: 6-0***

*Respectfully submitted by  
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Arlington School Committee/cs*